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UN Global Compact Office  
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To our stakeholders:

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Progress (COP) that is comprised of a statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions with regard to the principles of the UN Global Compact, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.

We are delayed in the development and disclosure of our COP for 2011 due to the consolidation of our reporting efforts internally and associated decisions on coordination of various external reporting requests and initiatives.

We hereby ask for an extension period in order to be able to post a COP that describes our company's efforts and progress to implement the principles of the UN Global Compact. Our new COP report will be posted on the UN Global Compact website by March 14, 2012, at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

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